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June 23, 2004

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

11,600' Sand, Reservoir A, and 10,800' Sand,
Reservoir A, BARATARIA FIELD, Jefferson Parish,
Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

ALPINE EXPLORATION COMPANIES, INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the 11,600' Sand, Reservoir A, and to the 10,800' Sand, Reservoir A, in the Barataria Field, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the 11,600' Sand, Reservoir A, and for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the 10,800' Sand, Reservoir A.
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the 11,600' Sand, Reservoir A, such unit being designated 11,600 RA SUA, and a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the 10,800' Sand, Reservoir A, such unit being designated 10,800 RA SUA, said units being shown on the attached plats.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To designate Alpine Exploration Companies, Inc., as Operator of both of the proposed units.
5. To designate the Alpine Exploration Companies, Inc.--CK Bodenger et ux No. 2 Well, located as shown on an attached plat, as the unit well for 11,600 RA SUA.

6. To designate the Alpine Exploration Companies, Inc.--CK Bodenger et ux No. 2-D Well, located as shown on an attached plat, as the unit well for 10,800 RA SUA, in exception to the provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.

7. To provide that future wells drilled to the 11,600' Sand or the 10,800' Sand within or outside of the units proposed herein be located in accordance with the provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.

8. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation may reclassify either of these sands and reservoirs by Supplemental Order and without the necessity of a public hearing should such a reclassification be warranted based on evidence furnished to the Commissioner.

9. To define the 11,600' Sand, Reservoir A, as that oil and gas bearing sand encountered between the measured depths of 11,776 feet and 11,898 feet (11,513 feet and 11,623 feet TVD), in the Alpine Exploration Companies, Inc.--CK Bodenger et ux No. 2 Well, located in Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 23 East, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

10. To define the 10,800' Sand, Reservoir A, as that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the measured depths of 10,947 feet and 11,017 feet (10,776 feet and 10,836 feet TVD), in the Alpine Exploration Companies, Inc.--CK Bodenger et ux No. 2 Well, located in Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 23 East, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

11. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 9141 Interline Avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated June 9, 2004, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set June 30, 2004, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the pre-application conference was received; accordingly, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the two (2) unit plats (which are identical to the unit plats attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of

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Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Barataria Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

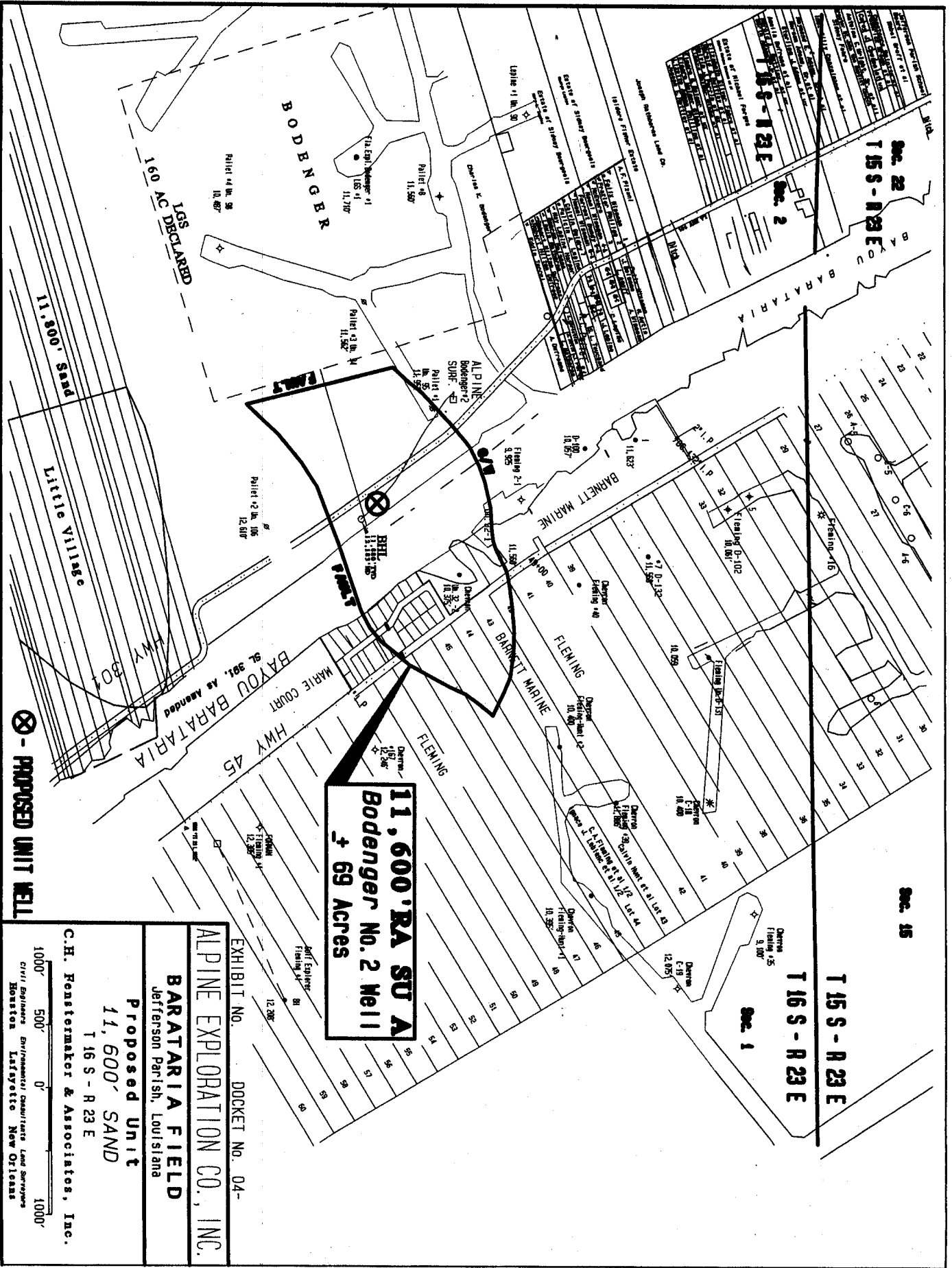
Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Alpine Exploration Companies, Inc.

DLS:dp
Enclosures

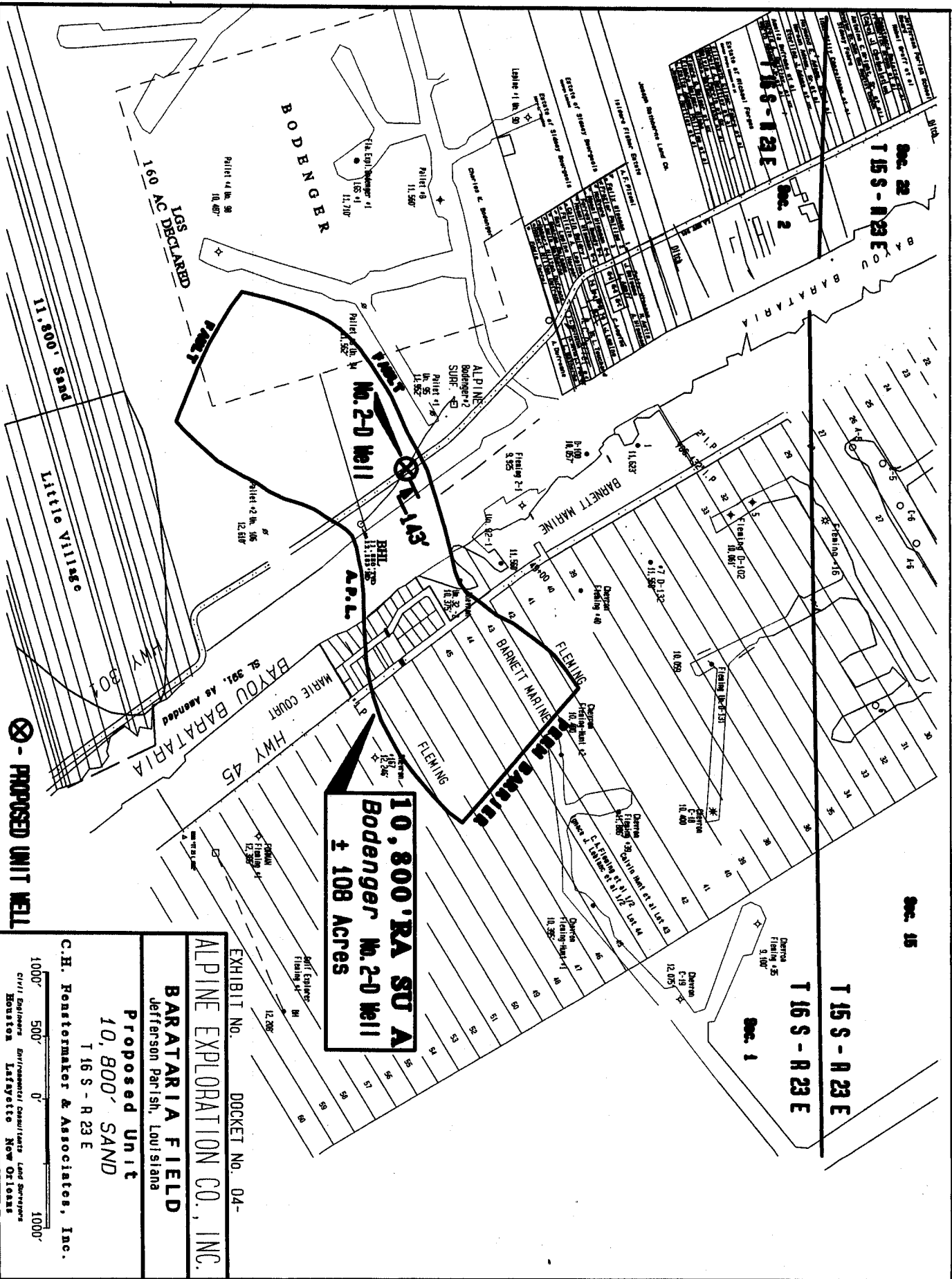
cc: Mr. Richard Hudson (w/encl.)
Mr. Joe Adams (w/encl.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plats only)



⊗ - PROPOSED UNIT WELL

11,600' RA SU A
Bodenger No. 2 Well
± 69 Acres

EXHIBIT NO. DOCKET NO. 04-
ALPINE EXPLORATION CO., INC.
BARATARIA FIELD
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana
Proposed Unit
11,600' SAND
T 16 S - R 23 E
C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, Inc.
Civil Engineer Environmental Consultants Land Surveyors
Houston Lafayette New Orleans



Sec. 15

T 16S - R 23E

T 16S - R 23E

Sec. 1

Sec. 22

T 16S - R 23E

Sec. 2

T 16S - R 23E

10,800' RA SU A
Bodenger No. 2-0 Well
± 108 Acres

EXHIBIT NO. DOCKET NO. 04-

ALPINE EXPLORATION CO., INC.

BARATARIA FIELD
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana

Proposed Unit
10,800' SAND
T 16S - R 23 E

C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, Inc.

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CIVIL ENGINEERS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS LAND SURVEYORS
HOUSTON LAFOYETTE NEW ORLEANS

⊗ - PROPOSED UNIT WELL